



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5379

House of Representatives, March 31, 2014

The Committee on Program Review and Investigations reported through REP. MUSHINSKY of the 85th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A TUITION PLEDGE PROGRAM AND A FINANCIAL AID PLEDGE
PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The University of Connecticut shall
2 study the feasibility and implications and estimate the cost of
3 establishing alternative tuition guarantee programs, one of which
4 freezes, and one of which fixes, the increases to which each class will
5 be subjected over four years of (1) solely tuition, and, in the alternative,
6 (2) the comprehensive cost of attending the university, including
7 tuition, fees and room and board. Not later than January 1, 2015, The
8 University of Connecticut shall report its findings to the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to higher education.

11 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The University of Connecticut shall

12 study the feasibility and implications and estimate the cost of
13 establishing a financial aid pledge program that serves to limit or
14 eliminate student loans from financial aid packages offered to low and
15 moderate income students. Not later than January 1, 2015, The
16 University of Connecticut shall report its findings to the joint standing
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
18 relating to higher education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

PRI *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the University of Connecticut as the budget and financial aid staff have expertise in the areas dealt with in the required reports.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5379**

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable

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